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To: Governor Greg Abbott

From: County Judge Rex Fields

I am contacting you regarding a Declaration of Disaster and Order Prohibiting the Sale or Use of Fireworks within Eastland County, Texas. Our county is in an exceptional drought as verified through the KB Drought Index rising to 595. In Eastland County, we have also experienced high wind conditions, which create a huge threat when fires exist and have further led to these exceptionally dry conditions. Recently our county was greatly impacted by the Eastland County Complex Wildfire and our fire management resources are limited and straining to keep up with response efforts. The Eastland County Commissioners and I, all feel that allowing the sale or use of Fireworks would have the potential for grave implications on the lives and property of Eastland County residents.

As Eastland Judge, I signed a Declaration of Local Disaster due to extreme drought conditions on June 27, 2022. The order bans all outdoor burning including the sale and use of all fireworks. The Eastland County Commissioners Court today took action, required by Government Code 418.108, for unanimous consent with the County Judge's declaration and I signed a Declaration of Local Disaster on June 27, 2022. This ban does exceed the restriction authorized by Section 352.051 Local Government Code; therefore, as required by 418.108 of the Government Code, I request that Governor Abbott extend the period prohibiting the sale and use of all fireworks until or after July 5th, 2022.

I thank you for your time and for your consideration of extending this Declaration.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Fields".

Rex Fields
Eastland County Judge